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NOTICE OF PREPARATION
PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR FALLBROOK COMMUNITY AIRPARK AIRPORT MASTER PLAN
FALLBROOK COMMUNITY AIRPARK, FALLBROOK, SAN DIEGO COUNTY
OCTOBER 16, 2006

The County of San Diego (County) is the lead agency in the preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Fallbrook Community Airpark Airport Master Plan Project as specified by section 15170 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

This notice is issued pursuant to Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines. It is intended to inform those persons and organizations that may be concerned with the environmental effects of the project. Those public agencies with specific statutory responsibilities are requested to indicate their specific role in the project approval process.

Because of the time limits mandated by State law, responses should be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. Please send your response to:

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San Diego, CA 92123

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

The environmental document will be programmatic in scope as addressed in Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines. The PEIR is intended to allow the County to examine the overall effects of the Fallbrook Community Airpark Airport Master Plan (Master Plan) and to take steps to avoid unnecessary environmental impacts. By preparing a PEIR, individual proposals to implement the Master Plan may be examined in the future for possible environmental effects.

PROJECT LOCATION

The Fallbrook Community Airpark is located on San Diego County-owned land in the Community of Fallbrook; approximately 60 miles north of downtown San Diego, in northwestern San Diego County. The Airpark is located approximately two miles south of the town center of Fallbrook. The Airpark is bounded by the U.S. Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Fallbrook Annex, Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Pendleton to the west, and Mission Road along the eastern border.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The County proposes to adopt the Fallbrook Community Airpark Airport Master Plan. Fallbrook Community Airpark is a 290-acre facility owned by the County of San Diego and operated by the Department of Public Works that serves the aviation needs of the Fallbrook and surrounding areas of northern San Diego County. The Master Plan determines the extent, type, and schedule of development needed to accommodate future aviation demand at the airport with a planning horizon year of 2025. The recommended development would satisfy aviation demand, community development, and other transportation modes, as well as include design corrections of major deviations from FAA airport design standards. Future development at Fallbrook Community Airpark would be implemented dependent on FAA programming and funding availability, as well as the attainment of projected traffic levels.

The Master Plan allows for later aviation development by the County and/or private developers. Private developers will be responsible for completing the environmental review necessary for the approval of their projects, and/or Site Plans pursuant to the Major Use Permit. Future improvements to be completed at the airpark may include: runway and taxiway improvements, runway translation to the south, aviation safety and security improvements, a general aviation terminal building, transient aircraft parking spaces, hangar spaces for based aircraft, an aircraft maintenance hangar, and an airport maintenance facility.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

An analysis of the environmental impacts is currently being conducted. There are potentially significant environmental effects that may occur to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazardous Materials, Noise, Traffic, and Water Quality/Hydrology as a result of implementation of the project. These issues, along with an analysis of project alternatives, cumulative effects, and potential for growth inducement, will be analyzed and discussed in the PEIR for the Master Plan.

LIST OF AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS TO RECEIVE THIS NOTICE OF PREPARATION

All Interested Users of Fallbrook Community Airpark
All Property Owners within 300 feet of the Project
AT&T Communications
Audubon Society
California Department of Fish and Game
California Department of Transportation, District #11
California Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics
California Native Plant Society
California Office of Historic Preservation
California Office of Planning and Research – State Clearinghouse
California Regional Water Quality Control Board – San Diego Region
County of San Diego, Air Pollution Control District
County of San Diego, Department of Planning and Land Use
County of San Diego, Sheriff's Department
County of San Diego, Supervisor Bill Horn
Fallbrook Airpark Advisory Committee
Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce
Fallbrook Community Planning Group
Fallbrook Public Utilities District
Fallbrook Public Library
Fallbrook Union Elementary School District
Fallbrook Union High School District
Federal Aviation Administration
Native American Heritage Commission
San Diego Association of Governments
San Diego County Archaeological Society, Inc.
San Diego County Water Authority
San Diego Gas and Electric Co.
San Diego Herpetological Society
San Diego Public Library
Sierra Club, San Diego Chapter
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service